(b) if so, the details of the changes that is being contemplated in the examination pattern; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Assessment of RTI Act

276. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review has been made to assess the working of the Right to Information Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether general public still face undue hardships in getting the information in time; and

(e) if so, the mechanism proposed to be made to provide complete information to the public in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) The Government has not yet undertaken any study to review the working of the Right to Information Act.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The Act contains sufficient provisions to ensure supply of correct and complete information within the prescribed time.

Population surviving with Rs. 20 per day

277. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Sample Survey data reveals that there are many, who survives with Rs. 20 or below a day;

(b) if so, the details including the number of above citizens for the last five years, State-wise, category-wise, year-wise and family-wise;

(c) if so, the number of people below poverty line for the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;

(d) if so, the criteria adopted to determine the poverty line as on today; and

(e) if so, whether the Competent Authority would initiate step to evolve new criteria for delineating the poverty line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) Based on the percentage of rural and urban population below specified levels of monthly per capita concumption expenditure (MPCE) given in the Report No. 508 (61/1.01), 'Level and Pattern of Consumer Expenditure, 2004-05', of NSS 61st Round (July 2004-June 2005) brought out by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India, the per capita consumption expenditure of 60.5% of the population is less than Rs. 20 per day in 2004-05. In terms of number, this constitutes 66.2 crore persons in 2004-05.